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Harper commences tour of Arctic in Iqaluit

Baby left in truck during heat wave

INVESTIGATION Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin says it looks to be an "unfortunate mistake" that a seven-week-old baby was left unattended inside the backseat of a black pickup truck for about 15 minutes in yesterday's hot weather.

Police say they were called to the Hubley Centre in Upper Tantallon at about 1 p.m. in regards to a complaint of a baby being left in a vehicle.

Taplin said the mother of the baby boy thought she had left him at home with her husband while taking her four-year-old daughter to the dentist for a dental emergency.

Police and paramedics arrived on scene and the boy was transported to the IWK Health Centre for observation. He has been given a clean bill of health.

"Right now we believe it was a very unfortunate mistake," Taplin said. "The mother was very distraught, upset."

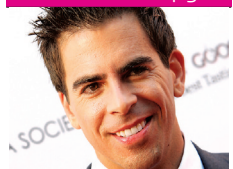
Nova Scotia Child Services is investigating the case.

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Roth channels Basterdly rage

Sackville Battling the heat wave



Samantha Zareski splashes into the water after going down the waterslide at Atlantic Playland in Sackville yesterday. Zareski was one of many cooling off yesterday as a heat wave lingered in the Halifax Regional Municipality. **Story, page 3.**

Locals warned to brace for Bill

HILARY BEAUMONT for Metro Halifax

WEATHER Peter Bowyer of the Canadian Hurricane Centre says Nova Scotians should "get ready" and start preparing now for hurricane Bill.

"You want to prepare for the eventuality of being without power and water for 72 hours," he told Metro.

The latest potential tracking information from the National Hurricane Centre shows hurricane Bill heading towards Atlantic Canada by either late Sunday or Monday. But Bowyer couldn't say yet whether the second named storm of the hurricane season would actually make landfall here.

"I haven't got the foggiest idea what's going to happen on Day 6 right now," he said, adding the severity of the storm is unpredictable at the moment, but models indicate that the storm will curve north.

"That seems to make it almost inevitable that the storm will find some part of Eastern Canada. Whether that's the marine areas or the land district, it's still too far to say."

Hurricane Bill gained steam last night, turning into a Category 3 storm. The hurricane is located east of Bermuda and is packing wind gusts of up to 200 kilometres per hour.

Balance still eyed

But premier avoids specifics of plans to even shortfall

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"There's going to be broken promises."

MLA Diana Whalen, Liberal party

Premier Darrell Dexter says it may still be possible to balance the books without raising taxes or cutting spending.

Dexter spoke yesterday for the first time since the independent firm Deloitte released its audit of the province's books Monday, showing Nova Scotia is facing a \$1.3-billion deficit by 2012-13.

While announcing his new economic advisory panel yesterday, Dexter said it still may be possible for him to keep all of his elec-

tion promises, despite these figures, which are much worse than earlier projections.

"I still believe that these things are not impossible to do," he said.

When asked how the province could handle its massive shortfall without cuts or tax hikes, Dexter avoided specifics.

"Governments make tens of thousands of decisions," he told reporters. "There

are many, many things that impact revenues, everything from the price of natural gas to the economic model that is used to project growth. All of those things are still in the mix."

According to the Liberals, it's a matter of the NDP making promises that could never be fulfilled. Liberal MLA Diana Whalen said yesterday there's no way the government can live up to all its commitments while staying out of debt.

"If you know accounting there's only two ways you can get more money: You're going to either raise more revenue or you're going to cut your expenses,"

Whalen said.

"There's going to be broken promises. What we saw in the election was unrealistic."

One thing Dexter did say was the government was looking into was amending the provincial Finance Act. Currently, the act requires any deficit to be paid back the following year, which would add an \$84-million burden to this year's books.

But Dexter wouldn't confirm if the NDP were looking to re-borrow offshore money to pay for services — the issue that led to the Progressive Conservative defeat in the legislature this spring. **MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 2**



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Tracey Devereaux is the latest person to announce their candidacy for the vacant Halifax Regional Council seat for District 6 (East-Dartmouth The Lakes). Devereaux, 43, currently works for the province's department of justice and is a longtime community volunteer. A byelection for the vacant seat takes place Sept. 19. **METRO HALIFAX**

Devereaux throws hat in ring for District 6 byelection

Local

OPEN HOUSE

Home prices up, sales down, say Realtors

The average price of a home in Halifax and Dartmouth was up 3.5 per cent from May to July compared to the same period in 2008, according to the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors. During that time, the average cost of a house was \$241,600. There were 2,160 home sales in the city from May to July this year, down 6.2 per cent from 2008. A total of 3,492 Nova Scotia homes were sold through the association's MLS system from May to July, down nine per cent from 2008.

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Attacking dog killed in warrant execution: RCMP

SEARCH A dog that Annapolis RCMP say attacked and injured one of its officers during the execution of a search warrant yesterday morning in Lawrencetown was killed on scene, a police news release said.

Nova Scotia RCMP said the injured officer was treated by medical services and released from hospital after the incident. The release didn't say what breed it was, but the dog was reportedly shot by police.

The search warrant was conducted under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, police say, and a 32-year-old man and 30-year-old woman, both of Annapolis County, are now facing charges in relation to possession of cocaine for the purposes of trafficking.

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Second World War unit in city for anniversary

DEVIL'S BRIGADE Members of the First Special Service Force — also known as Devil's Brigade — will be in Halifax over the next several days.

More than 30 members of the first Allied unit to enter Rome during the Second World War will gather in Halifax today through Saturday to honour the 67th anniversary of the unit's founding.

To prepare for that night of June 4, 1944, this joint Canada-United States army force trained in hand-to-hand combat, night fighting, parachuting, skiing and mountain climbing, a Canadian Forces release said.

As part of the anniversary, the surviving members will tour Pier 21 tomorrow before lunch and a plaque unveiling. There will also be a reception Friday at the Fleet Club.

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Dexter seeks economic tips

Premier creates advisory panel to help prevent predicted debt

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Facing a major debt problem, Premier Darrell Dexter is looking for some advice.

Dexter announced yesterday the creation of an economic advisory panel. The move comes in response to a Deloitte financial report released this week showing the province's expenditures steadily rising while income is expected to flatline and even drop.

The panel will be tasked with finding the best way to keep the province from falling into crushing debt, but there are limits to its mandate.

About 20,000 civil servant contracts are up for negotiation this fall and their bargaining will play a huge roll in the next several years of the province. More contracts are up for negotiation in the spring.

But the panel won't deal with those contracts or make any suggestions on how much civil servants should be paid. Dexter said it will instead focus on broader public policy issues.

"This is why we did this report, this is why we're putting this information out there, this is why we have the economic advisory panel, because we want to get the government off of what was an unsustain-



Premier Darrell Dexter speaks to reporters yesterday for the first time since the independent firm Deloitte issued its report showing the province is heading into billions of dollars of debt.

Financial advisers

• There are four economic advisory panel members. Donald Savoie is the Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance at the Université de Moncton. Elizabeth Beale is president of the Atlantic

Provinces Economic Council. Tim O'Neil is a former APEC president and currently vice-president of the Bank of Montreal. Lars Osberg is a research professor in the economics department of Dalhousie University.

able path and onto a sustainable path that can take the province for-

ward," he said.

Dexter faced several questions from reporters

about the panel being a way to back out of election promises, which he vigorously denied.

"It's our responsibility," he said. "We are the point of departure on these issues. But we also want to have the benefit of the best possible advice we can get."

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Sid no kid Order of Nova Scotia



Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis puts the Order of Nova Scotia around Cole Harbour hockey superstar Sidney Crosby's neck yesterday during a small ceremony at Province House. The Pittsburgh Penguins forward was awarded the honour for 2008 last year, and is the youngest person to receive the Order of Nova Scotia.

Dealership owner struck in parking lot, say police

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The owner of Sackville Motorsports in Middle Sackville suffered a serious leg injury after Halifax RCMP say she was assaulted in the parking lot of the dealership yesterday afternoon.

Police say at 2:30 p.m. the 43-year-old victim was approached in the parking lot by a blond female who yelled something at her then struck her below the knee with an undetermined object.

"We believe some type of blunt object, or sharp

object," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said of the weapon used.

Police say the victim was severely cut below her knee and called police at a residence next door. The attacker fled the scene either on foot or by a vehicle, police said.

The victim was transported by ambulance to the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Taplin said police have had preliminary discussions with the victim, but they still don't know what may have caused the attack.

Robbery try no laughing matter: Cops

INVESTIGATION If this was a joke, the victims and police aren't laughing.

Halifax RCMP responded to Riverside Drive in Lower Sackville just before midnight Monday in regards to an attempted robbery where police say a knife was pulled.

Two men in a dark red Monte Carlo-style car drove past two males and two females walking along the road and started yelling obscenities at them at 11:55 p.m., according to a RCMP release. The car then pulled in front of the four people and police say the two men got out of the vehicle and came towards them.

Police say the men demanded cash, and when one of the females called 9-1-1 from her cellphone, one of the suspects asked her what she was doing and pulled out a knife and threatened her.

She responded that she was calling police, the release said, and the two males ran back to their car and left the area.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said yesterday when the two went back to their car, they were yelling, "We were only joking."

"They might have thought it was a joke, but apparently the four people they were apparently trying to rob didn't find it funny," Taplin said. "They called police right away, which was the right thing to do."

Police describe the two suspects as white males both in their late teens. One is described to have been wearing a white T-shirt pulled over his head, and the other a plaid shirt, also pulled over his head.

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What's online today.

Video Stephen Harper touts the Arctic economy after an embarrassing PR stumble at

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Blogs The 100-Day Raw Food Challenge gets its protein fix with a recipe for raw peanut butter

Trio taken to hospital after car crash

Three people were taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries after Halifax Regional Police say a three-car collision took place Monday at 9 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 111 and Pleasant Street in Dartmouth. **METRO HALIFAX**

Budget crunch at Bryony

Funding freeze forces shelter to turn away women in need

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In less than a week, Bryony House will start turning away women who aren't staying at the Halifax shelter but still require its services and supports.

The transition house for abused women and their children will stop offering its outreach program next Tuesday, due to an operational funding freeze that was put in place more than a dozen years ago and increasing operational costs.

Executive director Lau-

Campaign promises

• The NDP election campaign promised \$500,000 for women's and transition houses. That could mean up

to \$30,000 annually for Bryony House, if the new Nova Scotia government follows through.

rie Ehler said Bryony House will maintain its 24-bed shelter and distress line, but emphasized the loss of this program could have potentially deadly results.

"It impacts women who are, a lot of time, high risk for serious harm and injury or lethality," she said yesterday. "It's not that people can wait six

months for support or go on a waiting list."

Ehler said an outreach worker has been laid off, while two other staffers have had their hours reduced from full-time to part-time.

"Even today, we had a woman who had a horrendous incident happen. She's not ready to come into the shelter ... but is

looking for court support and counselling ... and we don't have it," she said. "It's a tremendous blow."

The Public Service Alliance of Canada agreed yesterday in a news release that "the entire community of metro Halifax will see abused women and children suffer without this necessary service".

"It is wrong to allow this cut to happen," Jeannie Baldwin, the union's regional vice-president, said in the release.

The Department of Community Services funds 75 per cent of Bryony House's budget,

which Ehler said totals about \$1 million annually, while fundraising tops up the other 25 per cent.

Community Services spokesman Lucas Wide said Bryony House's board of directors has been working hard to make wise financial decisions.

"Across the province, people are being asked to live within their means," he said yesterday.

Board chairwoman Janice Beare confirmed yesterday Bryony House is carrying a deficit of about \$100,000, but said Community Services provided about that much last year to upgrade the shelter.

Injuries costing N.S. less than others

SAFETY Injuries add up to a cost of \$552 for every Nova Scotian annually, a national report released yesterday says.

The province points out that's one of the lowest per capita costs in the country, only higher than Newfoundland and Labrador at \$518 and Ontario at \$551, according to The Economic Burden of Injury of Canada, a document put together by SMARTRISK using data from 2004. That's the same year Nova Scotia became the first province with an injury prevention strategy led and funded by the Health Promotion and Protection Department, the province said yesterday in a news release. The total 2004 economic burden of injury was \$518-million in Nova Scotia. **METRO HALIFAX**

You think you are hot? Think again

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GLASS MAKING If you think you were having a tough time beating the heat yesterday, try being Ryan Flynn or one of his fellow craftsmen, who were sweating their way through a day's work alongside an open oven at NovaScotian Crystal.

"The furnace temperature while we work is about 1,300 degrees Celsius, so it's definitely going to make the room warmer, without a question," Flynn, 30, said while taking a brief break from his duties inside the glassworks studio, nestled on the Halifax waterfront.

"It's a long, wet day," he said.

But the Dartmouth man said the high temperatures inside the glassworks, described on the NovaScotian Crystal website as "the hottest show in town" and



Beads of sweat form on craftsman Ryan Flynn's forehead as he does some finishing work on a trophy base yesterday inside the glassworks at NovaScotian Crystal on the Halifax waterfront.

"a tightly choreographed dance in the ballroom of hell," is worth doing the work he loves.

"To be able to create from molten lava crystal to a nice

wine glass ... it's good bragging rights," he said.

To deal with the heat, Flynn said he drinks a lot of water, tries to work near a fan and prepares himself to

Expect the same

• Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud said today we'll see temperatures similar to yesterday, with an expected high of close to 30 C at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. He said the heat in Halifax was record breaking Monday at 31.4 C. Halifax didn't crack any records yesterday, he said, but the humidity made it feel more like 38 degrees by mid-afternoon.

simply "suck it up."

Ioan Florean of Hatchet Lake said craftsmen quickly "get used to the heat," adding cracking jokes with co-workers helps make it more bearable.

Anthony Tebay of Clayton Park said going for "a nice, cool beer" after work at one of the many nearby pubs tends to provide pretty good motivation, too.

Heat wave forces library to close doors

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TEMPERATURE The heat and humidity yesterday forced the Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library to shut its doors to patrons around lunchtime yesterday.

Susan McLean, deputy CEO and director of public services for Halifax Public Libraries, said an extreme temperature policy requires branches to close for the day if the temperature inside exceeds a humidex reading of 35 C.

"It's really an occupational health and safety issue for staff," she said.

This is the first time this summer that the downtown Halifax branch has shut down due to high temperatures, McLean said, but the policy has been in place since 2006.

Air conditioning was installed when an addition

was constructed, but she said the electrical system would have to be overhauled in order to cool down the whole building. Halifax Regional Municipality has applied for federal infrastructure funding that would help build a new \$55-million central library.

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Saudi diplomat Marwan Al Harbi, 30, who was facing charges after a head-on collision with an Ottawa police cruiser on June 2, left Canada after being recalled to Saudi Arabia, CBC News Online reports. Ottawa police said Monday they had issued a warrant for Al Harbi's arrest. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Passport typo worries woman

When Miriam Steinberg opened the express mail envelope yesterday, it contained a surprise: her spanking-new passport, a day earlier than expected, and a typo, OTTAWA. Her place of birth had been misspelled with an extra T. Steinberg said, "I was told as long as my name hadn't been misspelled, I was fine and that (passport) was valid." Steinberg was shocked. She has been following the story of Suaad Hagi Mohamud, the Toronto mother who was marooned in Kenya after officials said her lips didn't match those in the passport photo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

PM sups on seal meat to promote industry

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper bit into a culinary controversy yesterday, dining on seal meat in symbolic defense of the country's embattled seal-hunting industry.

Harper dined on seal ribs and liver in Iqaluit, where hunting seals for survival and trade is a traditional part of the native way of life.

Animals rights activists, especially in Europe, are trying to shut down Canada's seal-hunting industry, and the European Union voted this year to impose a trade ban on seal products.

Canada has vowed to fight the trade sanctions, saying that claims that seal hunters abuse the animals in the process of hunting them are false and that criticism of the industry is

Previously...

• Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean, Canada's head of state, sparked a controversy in May when she dined on raw seal heart while visiting Nunavut and participating in a traditional seal skinning.

inflamed by emotion, not scientific facts.

The visitor's guide to Iqaluit credits the Arctic fur trade's role in replacing whale hunting after whale stocks collapsed in the region in 1905.

Harper's lunch was not observed by reporters, and his staff did not immediately know what he thought of the taste of seal meat, which was both raw and boiled. **REUTERS**

Harper starts tour of Arctic

PM to assert Canadian sovereignty claims, set up agency in Far North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched a tour to assert Canada's Arctic sovereignty claims yesterday, saying the government was not ignoring the vast but sparsely populated region's economic and social ills.

Harper pledged that a recently announced economic development agency for the Far North would be headquartered in Iqaluit, the capital of the Nunavut territory, not in the far away federal capital of Ottawa.

"Obviously, our sovereignty is far greatly enhanced if we have thriving indigenous communities, healthy communities, throughout the territory," Harper told an audience in Iqaluit, an isolated com-



Canadian soldiers pass by a beached boat after landing on a beach in Apex, Nunavut on Baffin Island yesterday. The landing was part of military manoeuvres held there amidst Prime Minister Stephen Harper's tour of the North.

munity of about 7,250 on Baffin Island.

It was the first in a series of announcements Harper

is expected to make in a cross-country week-long tour to promote Canada's claims in the Arctic, some

of which have been challenged by other countries, included the United States. **REUTERS**

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Brewer pulls billboards in B.C.

Molson-Coors Canada is pulling its billboards making fun of people in Toronto after receiving complaints about the slogan that brags Coors Light beer is "colder than most people from Toronto." The billboards were only up in British Columbia. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Diplomat in passport scandal recalled

The Canadian diplomat who officially disowned Suaad Hagi Mohamud as an "impostor" has been recalled from Kenya.

Liliane Khadour has "concluded" her posting, a consular official at the

Canadian High Commission said yesterday from the capital Nairobi.

"Her tour of duty is over," he said, explaining that foreign affairs employees rotate posts every two or three years, and

Khadour had been in Nairobi for two. "I am not very sure where she went," her former colleague said. Khadour is now in Ottawa. Although she owns a condominium apartment there with her partner Ja-

son Joyce, the two are staying at a downtown hotel. They had been working together at the high commission in Nairobi, both as first secretaries.

Khadour's letter of May 28 stands as a kind of

smoking gun in the scandal that saw Canada write off Mohamud as a Canadian citizen, even though she had a life in Toronto that included a job and a 12-year-old son.

On May 21, a Kenyan

KLM airline employee challenged Mohamud's passport photo at the Nairobi departure gate, setting in motion a train of events that left Mohamud stranded for three months.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper says he learned of plight last week

KENYA Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's happy Suaad Hagi Mohamud is back in Canada but admits he's still waiting for answers on her nightmare at the hands of Canadian officials.

Harper suggested he became aware of the case only last week, even though

her well-publicized plight of being stuck in Kenya had begun 11 weeks earlier. "When we became aware of the case last week, we asked our officials in various departments to give us some information," Harper said yesterday. "It's a complex case. I have asked my officials for a thorough review of the matter."

"I'm expecting to get some basic answers to this and then based on the first set of information we'll get, we'll decide what further inquiry we do have to do."

The case has blown up into an embarrassment for the Conservatives and stoked criticism that the government is slow to assist Canadians who land in trouble abroad.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman surrenders to police in B.C.

NEIGHBOUR An emotionally disturbed neighbour sought in connection with the death of a 12-year-old boy in Grand Forks, B.C. turned herself in to police yesterday. John David Fulton, described as autistic, disappeared from his family's porch Saturday afternoon while playing with his Gameboy.

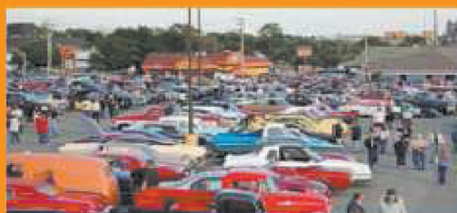
Police found his body late Monday in the home of Kimberly Ruth Noyes.

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Nobel winner and president Kim Dae-jung is dead

Former South Korean president Kim Dae-jung, who won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to forge a reconciliation with the communist North, died yesterday at the age of 85. **REUTERS**

World

Horrors! Hornets

France is facing an invasion of bee-eating Chinese hornets that could hasten the mysterious decline in the honey-bee population and threaten the livelihoods of bee-keepers. The hornets may have arrived on a ship. **REUTERS**

Suicide blast kills hope as vote nears

A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing at least eight.

It was a gruesome escalation in a wave of violence two days before an election the Taliban has vowed to disrupt.

Rockets also hit Kabul, several rural polling stations were attacked, a provincial council candidate was gunned down and three election workers were killed by a bomb in violence ahead of tomorrow's vote. Incumbent Hamid Karzai is seeking re-election in the second presidential ballot since the Taliban were ousted in 2001.

Officials said more than 50 people were wounded in the car bombing, the second massive strike of its kind in four days.

"I helped some people to ambulances. Their clothes were covered in bloodstains."

Kabul shopkeeper

Police held back onlookers as the wounded were ferried away in ambulances and pickup trucks.

"I saw wounded people and dead people everywhere," said a shopkeeper named Sawad. "I helped some people to ambulances. Their clothes were covered in blood stains."

In a statement, Karzai said such attacks would not deter Afghans, who would vote "despite the efforts of the enemies and will show their opposition to their barbaric acts".

REUTERS



British soldiers survey the site of a Kabul bomb blast yesterday. Eight people were killed and 52 wounded by a suicide car bomber who rammed his car into a convoy of Western troops.

Israel cooling rift over settlements?

WEST BANK U.S. President Barack Obama says he sees encouraging signs of a softening of Israel's resistance to his call for a freeze on settlement-building in the occupied West Bank.

Earlier yesterday, an Israeli government minister said no tenders had been issued for new housing projects in five months.

Israel has rebuffed Obama's push for a freeze, creating the most serious rift in U.S.-Israeli relations in a decade.

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News in brief

IRAN Opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi accused "establishment agents" of raping and abusing detainees after Iran's June vote and urged the country's powerful clerics to do their duty and speak out.

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Conservative U.S. commentator dies

Robert Novak, a longtime conservative political columnist, died yesterday after battling brain cancer. He was 78. **REUTERS**

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Pakistan seizes aide to 'dead' Taliban chief

Pakistan has captured a senior aide to Baitullah Mehsud, the Pakistani Taliban chief believed to have been killed this month in a missile strike by a U.S. drone, military officials said yesterday.

Maulvi Omar was captured by a pro-government militia in the Mohmand region on the Afghan border on Monday and handed over to government forces, one official said.

The arrest came as the U.S. special envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, was visiting Pakistan, and coincided with reports of in-

Terror credentials

• Omar was chief spokesman for the Mehsud-led Taliban Movement of Pakistan, a loose alliance of 13 militant factions, until he was removed from the post several months ago.

fighting within the Pakistani Taliban since the report of Mehsud's death on Aug. 5.

A senior intelligence official, who declined to be identified, and a Pakistani television station said Omar had confirmed to

interrogators that Mehsud had been killed, though government and military spokesmen were not available to confirm this.

Both the United States and Pakistan have said they believe Mehsud is dead, although there was no confirmation.

Mehsud's men have been insisting he is alive. Analysts said Omar was not a military commander and his capture would have no direct impact on the insurgency, but that he could provide information about Mehsud's network.

REUTERS

Finding survivors unlikely: Dam owner

RUSSIA Sixty-four people missing after a massive pressure surge flooded part of a Russian dam are most likely dead, its owner said yesterday, indicating a likely death toll far higher than the 12 confirmed so far.

"Finding anyone alive in the flood zone is unlikely, but the search continues," Vasily Zubakin, the chairman of state-controlled hydro-power company RusHydro, said through a spokesman.

A senior official at a local hospital near the Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric plant said the death toll had officially risen to 12 from the 10 given on Monday night.

But 64 people were unaccounted for after a turbine room flooded early on



A view yesterday of the damaged machine room of Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station in Russia.

Monday at the power station, which is Russia's largest. Emergencies Minister Sergei Shoigu confirmed this figure yesterday when he arrived on the scene.

Russia has been plagued for years by mine collapses, gas explosions and other catastrophes linked to creaking Soviet-era infrastructure.

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Argentina Commemoration



A man holds a black balloon and an Argentine flag yesterday during the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the attack to the 1994 AMIA Jewish centre in Buenos Aires. The bombing left 85 people killed and more than 200 wounded.

News in brief

NO REGRETS Radovan Karadzic, who led Bosnian Serbs into a 1992-1995 war that killed 100,000 people, says his conscience is clear and he does not regret his role, for which he is now awaiting trial on genocide charges. "I do not regret my own role," the former Bosnian Serb leader said in a written interview from a detention centre in the Hague. **GAZA** Radical Islamists in the Gaza Strip said yesterday they would resist arrest by forces of the Palestinian enclave's ruling Hamas Islamist movement, which crushed a splinter group aligned with al-Qaida last week.

ENVIRONMENT Trade unions are supporting deep cuts in greenhouse gases as part of a planned UN climate pact and want to ensure jobs are preserved in a shift to a green economy, a leader of a global labour group said.

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Comment

Fear our Arctic strength

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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You probably don't lie awake at night worrying about Canada's claim to Arctic sovereignty, but the Prime Minister appears to be tossing and turning over the future of the True North Strong and Free.

One of the How About That? consequences of global warming is that the polar ice cap is melting three times faster than previously thought, and that means sea routes such as the Northwest Passage could be ice free, at least part of the year, as early as 2015.

This new access puts the top of the world back on the map. Former Arctic wastes now have commercial value as access to vast oil and mineral reserves,

not to mention commercial shipping routes, improves. Taking the Northwest Passage from Japan to Northern Europe cuts 5,000 miles off the commute.

Thanks to all this melting, we are subject to the spectacle — I don't know what else to call it — of the highest Canadian government officials trooping to remote Arctic outposts and ordering up raw seal for lunch.

Prime Minister Harper, who is probably not even comfortable at a Calgary Stampede BBQ, is manfully choking down seal and shaking his fist at the European Union ban on products from the annual traditional seal hunt,

which also plays well up north.

At the same time, he is doing his best to protect Canadian sovereignty by making announcements, which is sure to cause our Arctic competitors (USA, Russia, Denmark and Norway) to quake in their furlined boots. Defence Minister Peter MacKay officially launched our first northern military reserve Monday, vowing to bring it to full strength by 2019. Full strength, by the way, is 100 not-so-warm bodies.

Once their knees stop stinging from all that hearty knee-slapping, our northern competitors will have to stifle further laughter as the PM is scheduled to board the HMCS Toronto today to observe Operation Nanook, in which the Canadian navy pretends to look for Russian and U.S. ultra-

sophisticated, stealthy nuclear subs that currently patrol our arctic waters with impunity.

And if none of the above doesn't force them to admit that Canada is Lord of the North, Mr. Harper also announced the new HQ for the Canadian Northern Economic Development or CanNor, will be in Iqaluit, with satellite offices in Yellowknife and Whitehorse — an announcement the competition Can-Ignore.

Do I have to point out the obvious? If we're really serious about asserting sovereignty over the North, especially that sketchy passage through the Parry Channel, we'll have to do better than order seal sushi for lunch and issue a couple of press releases. Even if they discover a nest of beavers at the North Pole, the best we can ever expect to do is maintain sovereignty as proxies for the Americans. And that's the True North.

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Stephen Harper



Word on the street: If Michael Vick was on your favourite sports team, would you cheer for him?

Tom Millen

age 46, Ottawa

A: Sure, no problem. It's a separate issue. It's his personal life.

Brendan McCann

age 45, New York

A: Absolutely not. Not for what he did. He went way over the top.

Ruslan Babayev

age 39, Toronto

A: We shouldn't shut the gate on people because everyone makes mistakes. Life is colourful. Sometimes it's bright.

Aaron Rehel

age 23, Ottawa

A: Yes, I would. I think that a lot of people have blown this situation out of proportion.

Colin Robertson

age 54, Ottawa

A: I believe in redemption. What he did was terrible, but everyone makes mistakes and deserves another chance. He was a great football player.

Lindsay Hicks

age 25, Halifax

A: No. I am an animal lover. To have dogs fight for sport is inhumane and cruel.



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Letters

HRM police respond to critics on rescue efforts

Re: *Witness blasts cops over rescue efforts*, Aug. 18

This was a tragic incident where a person lost his life. On behalf of Halifax Regional Police, I would like to extend condolences to the family.

As is always the case in an emergency, responding officers were confronted with conflicting information. Officers upon arrival were advised the man had swum under the ferry terminal heading south and it was unclear the man was in distress. An officer immediately began to search for the person by checking the side of the terminal where it was reported the man was last seen. Other officers used a floating dock in an effort to locate the man in the water.

When someone in the crowd indicated they could see him, a private citizen jumped into the

water followed by two officers who assisted her. They were able to retrieve the man and return him to the dock where a third officer assisted by citizens began CPR until relieved by medical first responders. It is common for people watching the same event to report seeing it differently, especially in such circumstances.

I know those people who tried to rescue this man regret very deeply it was in vain. It is unfortunate your story took such a negative and unfair perspective regarding the young officers who responded to this incident. An inflammatory headline does little to tell the story of what happened.

Often deeds speak louder than words, and in my view the deeds of all those who tried to help that day, including the police officers, tell a much different story.

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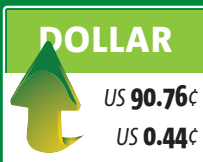
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GM plans to increase production on strength of Cash for Clunkers

General Motors Co. said yesterday it is increasing production for the second half of 2009 after a surge in sales ignited by the U.S. government's "Cash for Clunkers" incentives program. **REUTERS**

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Business



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iPhone explodes: Report

Apple investigating, says case in France an 'isolated incident'

Apple Inc. is investigating media reports that one or more of the company's iPhones have exploded in Europe, a European Commission spokeswoman said yesterday.

The spokeswoman for the EU executive, which oversees the safety of consumer products sold in the 27-country bloc, said Apple had described the reported incidents as isolated.

Apple said it was aware of the media reports, which include a case in which a teenager in France

said he was slightly injured when his iPhone made a hissing noise and shattered, but did not comment on any contacts with the Commission.

"Apple have come back to us ... and what they've said to us is

that they consider these are isolated incidents.

They don't consider that there's a general problem," Commission spokeswoman Helen Kearns told a news briefing.

"They're trying to get more information on the spe-

cific details of those incidents (reported in the media) and they will do tests as necessary to investigate the possible cause," she said.

Apple did not comment on the Commission spokeswoman's remarks.

But a spokesman for Apple Europe Ltd. said: "We are aware of these (media) reports and we are waiting to receive the iPhones from the customers. Until we have the full details, we don't have anything further to add."

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Bombardier cancels contract with Italian low-cost airline

AVIATION Bombardier Inc. said yesterday it has canceled its deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets.

Bombardier said the decision was made because MyAir, which recently had its licence suspended by Italian aviation authorities as a result of financial difficulties, is facing "an uncertain situation." Four CRJ900 aircraft have been delivered to the airline, the Montreal-based company said.

Shares of Bombardier were down 23 cents, or 5.3 per cent, at \$4.10 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon.

Benoit Poirier, an analyst at Desjardins Securities, said Bombardier's share price had already discounted the troubled status of MyAir and the possibility

Layoffs

- The airline industry has suffered a sharp slowdown during the recession. Bombardier announced in April it would lay off 3,000 employees to adjust to the falling demand for new aircraft.
- Those layoffs came on top of nearly 1,400 job cuts earlier in the year.

of an order cancellation.

We "do not expect Bombardier to react materially to the news, as the CRJ1000 is a relatively small program for the company," Poirier said in a note to clients.

Bombardier, the world's No. 3 civil aircraft manufacturer, said it still has 49 firm orders for the CRJ1000 NextGen jetliner.

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Australia, China reach LNG deal

OIL Australia and China struck their biggest trade deal yesterday, as the world's two most valuable listed oil companies, Exxon Mobil Corp. and PetroChina, reached a \$41 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) agreement.

Exxon will supply LNG from the massive \$50 billion Gorgon LNG project on Australia's northwest coast, expected to have an output of 15 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) at its peak.

Chevron Corp. is the operator of the project with a

50 per cent stake, while Exxon and Royal Dutch Shell Plc. each own a 25 per cent stake.

The agreement with PetroChina follows Exxon's \$10 billion (\$9.1 billion) deal with India's Petronet and means that buyers have now been found for Exxon's entire share in the Gorgon.

It comes at a time of trade and political tension between China and Australia and as China looks to soak up raw materials and energy supplies to fuel growth.

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Canadian, Gulf oil output steady

ENERGY Growing volumes of crude oil from Canada and the Gulf of Mexico should assure U.S. Gulf Coast refiners adequate supplies for years to come despite fast-declining imports from Mexico and Venezuela.

Imports from the two major Latin American suppliers have dwindled by 24 per cent in the past four years, but the huge refining region they serve is unlikely to run short due to billions of dollars planned for new pipelines from Canada and exploration in the Gulf, analysts said.

Canadian oilsands pro-

Output to double

- In its June forecast, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers said it expects output from northern Alberta's vast oilsands to nearly double to 2.2 million barrels a day by 2015.

duction alone could make up for both losses, said analyst Martin King of Calgary-based FirstEnergy Capital Corp.

"You're essentially switching to Canadian crude from Mexican and Venezuelan," King said.

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Business in brief

TRADE The World Trade Organization's top court rejected yesterday a U.S. appeal in a long-running case on anti-dumping measures, clearing the way for Japan to threaten trade sanctions against Washington. The final ruling by the WTO's Appellate Body in the case — launched by Japan in 2004 — dealt another setback to a controversial U.S. method of tackling unfairly priced imports. But it also highlighted sensitivity in general about the measures.

AUTO U.S. carmaker General Motors' board of directors is

set to decide this week which suitor for the Opel business in Europe it will support. Rival bids from Canadian auto parts group Magna and Belgium-based financial investor RHJ are on the table in Detroit, although Opel trustees who oversee a majority stake in Opel have to approve any decision.

PACKAGING Global miner Rio Tinto agreed to sell its Alcan packaging unit for about \$2.2 billion to Australia's Amcor Ltd., easing its debt burden after an ill-timed acquisition two years ago.

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EastLink will televise six games from the Canadian senior baseball championship this week. Highlighting the schedule is host Dartmouth Moosehead Dry's opener against Quebec tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. and the gold-medal game Sunday at 7 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports

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Sluggers face off tonight

Dartmouth Moosehead Dry slugger Darren Doucette, left, and Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians veteran Jay Turple will highlight the Canadian senior baseball championship's home-run derby tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Beazley Field. Both local standouts hold the all-time home-run records for their clubs. **METRO HALIFAX**

Herd camp offers chance to impress

'If I'm a young player or even a returning veteran, I'm looking at this as a great opportunity': Russell

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Cam Russell uses the word "opportunity" to describe the situation heading into the Halifax Mooseheads' training camp.

"If I'm a young player or even a returning veteran, I'm looking at this as a great opportunity to come to camp and impress the coaching staff," said the Mooseheads head coach and general manager. "We've lost a lot of players."

With a whopping 64

hopefuls reporting to camp at Cole Harbour Place today and only 13 full-time returnees from last season's basement-dwelling squad, the youngsters don't need an iPhone app to understand what Russell means.

The only things more or less set in stone are that last season's scoring leaders, Tomas Knotek and Yuri Cheremetiev, are going to carry the offence up front; Pascal Amyot is going to log No. 1 minutes on defence; and Mathieu Corbeil will be the starting goaltender barring a pre-season melt-

Check out Matthew Wuest's coverage from camp online by following @metroqfiles on Twitter or reading his Q Files blog at: metronews.ca/qfiles

down.

Russell may need a half-dozen whiteboards and a pack of dry-erase markers to sort out the rest. Prime ice time, such as the spot alongside Knotek and Cheremetiev, is up for grabs. At least a half-dozen roster spots are up for

grabs, too.

"If guys come into camp in the right frame of mind, in good physical condition, they have an opportunity to play here — and possibly play quite a bit," Russell said.

Up front, you can safely bank Gabriel Desjardins, 17, and Travis Randall, 18, earning big roles. Gerrard Grant and Charles Bety, both 19-year-olds, will also factor into the equation, as will 18-year-old right-winger Jessyko Bernard and highly-touted first-round draft choice Brent Andrews. On the blue-line, good

bets are trade acquisitions Alexandre Brunet, Garrett Clarke and Spencer Metcalfe as well as rookies Konrad Abeltshauser and Jamie Bishop.

As for the backup job behind Corbeil, throw a dart — Russell has brought in 10 hopefuls to fight it out.

"The opportunity is here," Russell said. "I just hope that a lot of kids see that, seize it, and take advantage of it."

Five-on-five intra-squad scrimmages are open to the public and run 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m.



Charles Bety is among the players looking to earn some ice time with the Mooseheads.

Losing 3-of-4 to Dry 'bit of a wakeup call' for Canadians

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BASEBALL The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians couldn't do much wrong heading into the final month of the season.

But a harsh reality check — courtesy of Dartmouth Moosehead Dry — has put the reigning Nova Scotia champs on an even keel heading into the Canadian senior baseball championship tomorrow at Beazley Field and Mainland Common.

Dartmouth beat Halifax in three out of four games in the final month and seized the regular-season pennant.

"It was a little bit of a wakeup call," said Canadians veteran Jay Turple. "We were winning quite a bit there. Sometimes, when you get too comfortable, that isn't a good thing."

Turple said the Canadians aren't thinking too much about the setbacks. They finished 3-3 against the Dry and enjoyed a 20-4

"Sometimes, when you get too comfortable, that isn't a good thing."

Jay Turple, Canadians veteran

streak in July that dated back to last year's playoffs. At 17-7 overall, there is plenty to be happy about.

As the defending provincial champion, the Canadians were able to have first choice of pickups from around the league. They grabbed traditional Dry pickups Craig Higgins, Ian Lockhart and Kevin Nichols, as well as Curtis Falls.

Higgins, Nichols and Falls are quality pitchers, adding to a strong staff that includes lefty Barrett Bellefontaine.

"We're really confident with our pitching," Veinot said. "Our pitchers have done great all year, and it shows in the stats. You can never have too much of pitching."

Nova Scotian nearly takes medal in men's triathlon

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Dartmouth's Bradley Piggott had one of Nova Scotia's best finishes yet at the Canada Games yesterday.

The 18-year-old narrowly missed a medal in the men's triathlon in Summerside, P.E.I., placing fifth in 55 minutes, 15 seconds. He was first after the 750-metre swim and finished just 23 seconds off of the final bronze-medal time of 54:52.

He lost his edge in the 20-kilometre bike ride and couldn't catch up to the leaders during the final five-kilometre run.

"Coming out of the water after the swim, that's where I wanted to be," Piggott said. "I was really pushing (for a bronze medal). The fourth-place guy was in sight and so was the third-place guy, but I just couldn't catch them in the end."

Piggott's success on the water was no fluke. He'll also represent Nova Scotia in Week 2 of the Games on the swim team as one of the event's rare multi-sport athletes. His identical twin brother, Matt, is also on the swim team.

"It's going to be tough, but as long as I get a good recovery, I can probably do well in both," Bradley said. Cole Harbour's Emily



Dartmouth's Bradley Piggott was first after the 750-metre swim in the men's triathlon at the Canada Games yesterday, but finished 5th.

Wood was the top Nova Scotian finisher in the women's triathlon, placing 14th in 1:04:38.

Among other results yesterday, the men's basketball team cruised to an 86-35 win over the Yukon Ter-

ritory to advance to today's quarter-finals against Saskatchewan.

On the soccer pitch, Lower Sackville's Nkem Ezurike netted a hat trick in a 4-1 win over New Brunswick.

Herd add 'big brother' on blue-line

TRADE The Halifax Mooseheads expect Spencer Metcalfe to be a "big brother" for a team filled with youngsters.

The Mooseheads brought in the 19-year-old blue-liner yesterday via trade from the Gatineau Olympiques, also acquiring 18-year-old forward Jordan Costello and 19-year-old goalie Anthony Kimlin for a 2011 eighth-round draft pick.

Metcalfe, a six-foot-one 186-

pounder, had 50 penalty minutes in 25 games last season and dropped the gloves with feared tough guys Ashton Bernard and Mike Thomas.

"We've got a lot of young hockey players on our team, and it could be a real long season for them if we don't have a big brother backing them up," said Mooseheads head coach and general manager Cam Russell. "You can really expose yourself if you go young and you don't have any toughness."

Costello and Kimlin will have to win spots at training camp.

The pick will be upgraded to a seventh-rounder if any of the three skates in a regular-season game with Halifax.

MATTHEW WUEST
/METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

SAILING The world laser sailing championship kicks off tonight with the opening ceremonies at the St. Margaret Sailing Club in Glen Haven. Action at the seven-day event begins tomorrow with 180 sailors hitting the water. The event continues from Aug. 30 to Sept. 5 with the world masters championship.

HOCKEY Former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Pierre-Olivier Beaulieu has signed with Asia's Nippon Paper Cranes, according to reports. Beaulieu, a former Detroit Red Wings draft choice who spent a season and a half in Halifax from 2003 to 2005, played last season in Germany. **METRO HALIFAX**

Bertuzzi joins Wings

Todd Bertuzzi is rejoining the Detroit Red Wings, signing a one-year deal with the team he played for at the end of the 2006-07 season. Bertuzzi spent last year with the Calgary Flames, putting up 44 points (15-29) in 66 regular-season games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Venus Williams reacts to missing a point against Kateryna Bondarenko during their second round match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto yesterday. Williams lost 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Venus gone after upset

Third seed Venus Williams' return to Canada ended in a shock 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 second-round defeat by Ukrainian qualifier Kateryna Bondarenko at the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday.

In a career that has produced 41 singles titles, the Canadian event, which alternates between Toronto and Montreal, has been a graveyard for the seven-times grand slam champion, who has failed to win a match in three trips.

"I guess at this tournament I've never had a lot of luck but I guess you have to make your own luck these days," Williams told reporters.

"She just really started playing well and unfortunately I made too many

Last Canadian

- Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Russia's Alisa Kleybanova yesterday.
- Wozniak was the last Canadian in the singles tournament.

errors."

Williams had looked ready to end her Canadian drought, racing through the first set in 28 minutes.

However, the 64th-ranked Bondarenko refused to fold, trading breaks with the 29-year-old American in the second before finally taking control with another break at 6-5 and then holding serve to level the match.

REUTERS

Red Sox edge Blue Jays

MLB

Red Sox 10 Blue Jays 9

David Ortiz homered, drove in three runs and scored three times as Boston escaped with a 10-9 victory over Toronto last night in the opener of a three-game set in Toronto.

Jacoby Ellsbury added two hits and knocked in three for the Red Sox, who had dropped three of four coming in. Jason Bay also homered, while Victor Martinez and Alex Gonzalez added an RBI apiece.

Hideki Okajima (4-0) picked up the win after hurling a scoreless seventh inning.

Jonathan Papelbon recorded a four-out save, his 29th of the season, allowing two hits and walking three.

Starter Josh Beckett was knocked around for nine hits and seven runs — including three homers — with four strikeouts and a walk over 5½ innings.

Rod Barajas finished 2-for-5 with a two-run home run for the Blue Jays, losers in three straight and five of six.

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Favre ends second retirement to join Vikings

NFL Brett Favre is coming back again, and this time it's with the Minnesota Vikings.

After weeks of speculation, Favre ended his second retirement on Tuesday. He boarded a plane from Hattiesburg, Miss., and landed in St. Paul, Minn., then was quickly transported to the Vikings training facility, underwent a physical and signed an undisclosed contract. Reports have the deal at two years

worth a possible \$25 million should all the clauses regarding performance and health be met.

It was in late July that Favre told Vikings head coach Brad Childress that he was not ready to make another comeback, but speculation had been that Favre was delaying his decision to avoid the rigors

Brett Favre



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of training camp, which ended for the Vikings last week before the team's first preseason game against Indianapolis.

Favre, who turns 40 in October, spent the 2008 season with the New York Jets, then announced his retirement for a second time in as many years. He first retired as a Green Bay Packer following the 2007 campaign.

Sports in brief

TENNIS Former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt saved two match points before beating 12th seed Robin Soderling of Sweden 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 yesterday to reach the second round of the Cincinnati Masters.

CFL Calgary Stampeders wide receiver Jermaine Copeland, Saskatchewan Roughriders defensive end John Chick, Toronto Argonauts kicker Justin Medlock and B.C. Lions slot back Paris Jackson were named the CFL's top players for last week.

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An opinion piece in the Chronicle of Higher Education argues that tenure-track positions at U.S. colleges face extinction in a war of attrition. Deans faced with shrinking budgets will likely be replacing tenured faculty members with adjuncts — particularly in humanities and social science departments. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

No more tenure?

Workology

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Home-schooling trend in U.S.?

Although Academics Group's UCAS applicant study continues to find very few PSE-bound students have been home-schooled in Canada, in the U.S. it is estimated that somewhere between three and six per cent of the school-aged population are being home-schooled. The primary driver is religion for 83 per cent of home-schooling Americans, who feel their local public schools are "unwholesome" in some way. **ACADEMICA GROUP**

Women knocked from top: Study

Top-level employees still hireable, mobile, but more women losing their job than men

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You know how bad the economy is these days, so you don't want to read about it again. However, depending on your education and employment po-

tential, these horror stories may merely be myths.

A recent report released by Catalyst, an international organization focused on working with businesses to create inclusive workplaces, indicates that over 50 per cent of "high poten-

tial" employees were actually able to advance their careers in this recessionary period. The data found that these people remained employable, mobile and in high demand from various employers around the world.

"The report showed us

that there are a number of myths surrounding the current economic crisis," said Deborah Gillis, North American vice-president of Catalyst. "Top-level employees, for the most part, are still hireable and mobile."

The numbers were reached by analyzing information collected from over 800 MBA alumni from 26 leading business schools spanning across continents — including Asia, Europe and North America. The responding alumni graduated between 1996 and 2007.

In fact, the research shows that only 10 per cent of respondents reported losing their jobs due to downsizing or closure.

Of that 10 per cent, however, women executives were three-times more likely to lose their jobs than their male counterparts. While six per cent of male senior employees lost their jobs because of downsizing, a substantial 19 per cent of high-ranking women employees suffered the same fate.

Gillis explains that because of a lack of mentors, role models, connections and networks, women are more likely than men to be laid off. This is because men, who have traditionally outnumbered women in senior positions, have established networks to keep them on board.

"Decisions need to be



Because men for so long outnumbered women in higher-up positions, the networks they were able to create have helped them weather the recession storm and caused them to be kept on at a higher rate than their female counterparts.

made to fix the barriers women face," she said. "Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."

Based on this, it appears

that as more women acquire senior positions, these networks will be created and strengthened.

The data in the report is focused on the time period between November 2007 and June 2009.

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Porsche 911 Turbo coming

Porsche AG will present its new top-of-the-line 911 at the Frankfurt Auto Show in September. The Porsche 911 Turbo goes on sale in Canada in January 2010. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Metro Drive

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Seatbelt's 50th

The three-point seatbelt turned 50 last weekend. On Aug. 13, 1959, the Volvo PV544 became the first car with the safety feature, which has been called one of the most significant inventions of the 20th century. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

The sounds of silence

2010 Chevrolet Equinox a quiet revolution for SUVs

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

When a company debuts a new model, it sometimes brings along competitors' models for journalists to drive back-to-back. No one brings one that outshines the new model, so when GM introduced the all-new 2010 Chevrolet Equinox and rolled out a Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V for comparison, everyone took notice.

The verdict: This new Equinox gives GM the ability to stand solidly head-to-head in the crowded compact SUV market against its domestic and imported opponents.

Also trimmed and

badged as the GMC Terrain, the Equinox is built in Ingersoll, Ont. The previous Equinox came only with a choice of two V6 engines, but for 2010, there are two new powerplants: a 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.0-litre V6, both with direct injection and mated to six-speed automatic transmissions. Both can be ordered in front-wheel-drive or with an all-wheel system that primarily runs the front wheels, but sends power to the rear if necessary. At a combined rating of 7.8 l/100 km, GM says the four-cylinder is class-leading for fuel economy.

The four-cylinder starts at \$25,995 and runs to \$33,460. The V6 is an extra

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built 2010 Chevy Equinox is available in both four-cylinder and V6 engines.



\$1,725 and only comes with 18-inch wheels priced at \$325, so it's an extra \$2,050 on each model. Those who need the V6's stronger towing capacity (1,500 lbs for the four; 3,500 lbs for the six) will probably step up, but for

toys. Most impressive is how quiet it is.

It's been sound-deadened and sealed to within an inch of its life, but since smaller engines are inherently louder, the four-cylinder model adds an extra trick: Two cabin-mounted sensors that monitor interior sound and then, when necessary, send a wave from the subwoofer to offset any noise.

It's similar to the way noise-cancelling headphones work, and it allows the engineers to run the engine at a lower rpm for improved fuel economy. I

2010 Chevy Equinox

Type: Sports utility vehicle
Price: from \$25,995
Engine: 2.4-litre four-cylinder and 3.0-litre V6
HP: 184 (four-cylinder); 264 (V6)

Highlights

- Handles like sedan
- Improved interior
- Extremely quiet

got into a Buick Enclave test vehicle a few days later that didn't seem any more silent than the Equinox.

Handling is responsive and nicely weighted, and it feels more like driving a car than an SUV, with no torque steer, minimal body sway, and a smooth ride over gravel roads and rough pavement.

The interior is also much improved over the old Equinox: There's a lot of hard plastic, but it's well-fitted and handsomely designed, and I don't remember any Chevrolet with seats this comfortable.



The 2011 Infiniti M

2011 Infiniti M adds more power

NEW MODEL Infiniti recently provided an advanced look at the all-new 2011 Infiniti M performance luxury sedan at the 59th Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Carmel, Calif.

This is the third generation of Infiniti's popular M and the first to be sold across all of Infiniti's 32 markets around the world.

Like the current M, the next-generation design will be offered with V8 and V6 engines.

The 2011 models will be designated the Infiniti M56 and Infiniti M37 respectively, reflecting their more powerful, larger displacement engines.

The M56 V8 is expected to offer more than 400 horsepower.

The M also features a completely redesigned body, with authentic sports sedan proportions and evocative new styling with a low front end and deeply sculpted fenders inspired by the Infiniti Essence concept car.

The M, which is scheduled to go on sale across the world starting from spring 2010, was revealed through a unique "video mapping" process — in which a "virtual M" was created on a 3-D form.

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Avalon XLS on sale

The 2010 Toyota Avalon XLS went on sale across Canada last week. The company's flagship sedan starting at \$39,285. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Plug in ... but where?

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

If I ask, "What infrastructure might we need, to make it possible for a bunch of us to replace our gasoline-powered vehicles with pure electric vehicles?"

And you answer, "A bunch of really, really, long extension cords."

Well, that would make me think you're not taking this infrastructure thing seriously enough my friend.

OK, maybe you got more pressing concerns to worry

about — like how to program your DVR so you don't miss any more episodes of Cubical Makeover.

Thankfully, there are a bunch of concerned citizens, consultants, governments, and eager business enterprises who have all been busy of late, envisioning that electric-car future. Let's take a quick look at what's they're picturing, and worrying about ...

- Charge stations with high-voltage power (400-600 volts), so "fill ups" can be done in minutes.

- Charge stations that will also allow payments by credit cards, and figure out how much to charge, based on the real time cost of electricity.

- The first wave of charge stations will be in city cores, and near bus, train,

and subway stations. Charge stations on the prairies? Maybe later.

- Another or supplemental option is places where drained battery packs can be quickly exchanged for fully-charged packs. But for that to work we will need standardized battery packs.

- More electricity will be needed and it will have to be clean (wind, solar, wave, etc). Putting coal-generated electricity into vehicles will not make the carbon footprint go down a size.

You can see we've got a way to go yet. That's why some feel hybrids, will be very popular and necessary until we transition to an electrical future. They don't need that expensive infrastructure we talked about.

But surprisingly, governments here and around the

world seem willing to invest in electrical infrastructure. California and Israel are well on their way, and there are big projects planned for Arizona and Oregon.

I think this is because they see it as more of their purvey, like garbage collection and the water supply. To them, hydrogen is just another fuel; so let the fuel companies worry about that.

Ontario recently initiated some incentives so that one out of every 20 vehicles driven in the province might be electrically-powered by 2020.

These incentives include customer rebates of up to \$10,000 and the installation of charge spots at Ontario government and Toronto's Go Transit locations.



A charging bay at London's Berkeley Square. There are plenty of infrastructure hurdles to jump through before more drivers can adopt electric vehicles, columnist Michael Goetz says.

As usual, the automakers are not totally on board. They're leery about putting all their expensive R&D eggs in one basket, lest some other technology comes along and blows them out of the water.

For instance, someone might finally figure out

how to capture all that methane produced by cattle flatulence. If that happens and all you're building is electrical motors, well, that would be a bummer.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Tire good for moon, and Earth

TECHNOLOGY NASA and Goodyear have developed an airless tire to transport large, long-range vehicles across the surface of the moon.

The new "Spring Tire" with 800 load bearing springs is designed to carry heavier vehicles over greater distances than the wire mesh tire previously used on the Apollo Lunar Roving Vehicle (LRV). The new tire will allow for broader exploration and the eventual development and maintenance of a lunar outpost.

According to Goodyear, development of the original Apollo lunar mission tires, and the new Spring Tire were driven by the fact traditional rubber, pneumatic (air-filled) tires used on Earth have little utility on the moon. **FROM CARGUIDE**

Mazda readies lightweight MX-5

AUTO SHOW A superlight show car capturing the essence of the world's most popular roadster, the Mazda MX-5, will see its world premiere at the 63rd Frankfurt Motor Show, which will be held from Sept. 15 to 27. Mazda will present a new take on its affordable roadster in an all-new show car, the Mazda MX-5 Superlight, designed at Mazda's studio in Germany. The car will improve driving performance, handling, fuel economy and CO2 emissions. **FROM CARGUIDE**



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Motorcycle ride for cellphone ban

A U.S. man kicked off a 25,750-km motorcycle ride Monday to raise awareness of the dangers of using a cellphone while driving, canadiandriverr.com reports. Tony Anschutz will ride a solo, two-month marathon with stops to meet people and raise awareness. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

California screaming

Ferrari model's sweet wail could wake the dead

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada



Ferrari aficionados were a trifle worried about the 2009 California. Developed with the intent of expanding Ferrari's market beyond the highly-focused V8 mid-engined F430 and the classic V12 front-engined 612 Scaglietti and 599 GTB, would this "user-friendly" 2+2 featuring the marque's first front-mounted V8, first twin-clutch transmission and first folding hard-top be less of a Prancing Horse and more of a Mincing Pony? A trophy car for trophy wives? Would it be a real Ferrari?

Allow me to answer those questions. No. Most likely. Hell, yeah.

Prodding the California's throttle delivers eye-widening forward thrust accompanied by a wail from the flat-plane- crank 4.3L V8 that could wake the dead — and have them cheering.

Added to this is a symphony of snaps, crackles and pops while flicking through the gears of the fast-shifting seven-speed box. Nothing sounds like a Ferrari, and with the hard-top accorded after its 14-



The Ferrari California features the automaker's first front-mounted V8 and twin-clutch transmission.

second ballet, you'll feel you're getting every penny's worth of that \$262,000 investment.

The all-aluminum California is a striking car, and here in been-there-done-that So-Cal, the red specimen I drove with optional 20-inch wheels was mobbed at every stop.

The side vents and functional hood scoop recall the 1954-1964 California 250 GTs from which this car gets its name.

The back end is a tad, er... voluptuous, but its girth is pretty well-disguised by the sweeping fenders carved in to the rear flanks.

Swathed in finely stitched leather, the interior is unmistakably Ferrari, especially if you go for the classic

tan hide.

The back seats are pretty much unusable, so if you don't need to carry small children the no-cost parcel shelf option seems a good idea.

The jewel of the California lies under the hood — a revised version of the F430's 4.3L DOHC 90-degree V8 featuring Ferrari's first application of direct injection. It delivers 453 hp and 358 lb.-ft. of torque, with 75 per cent of that twist available from 2,250 r.p.m.

It's not all sunshine in the California, however. The standard carbon-ceramic Brembo brakes squeal, the transmission gets jerky in stop-and-go traffic, and the seats don't offer a lot of lateral support.

2009 Ferrari California

Type: Sports convertible
Price: from \$262,000
Engine: 4.3L DOHC V8
Power/Torque: 453 hp; 358 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Voluptuous looks
- Ferrari-style interior

The steering could be better too. It's overly assisted and doesn't deliver the expected feedback.

But those gripes seem to fade away when the California is in its natural environment — blasting top down along a winding inland road in (where else?) California.

Film promos drive Camaro buzz: Study

RESEARCH Kelley Blue Book, kbb.com, a U.S. provider of new car and used car information, recently announced the results of the latest analysis by Kelley Blue Book Market Intelligence of the top 20 most-researched new vehicles for the first half of 2009. Here are the results:

1. Honda Accord
2. Honda Civic
3. Toyota Camry
4. Honda CR-V
5. Toyota Corolla
6. Toyota Highlander
7. Nissan Altima
8. Toyota RAV4
9. Toyota Prius
10. Ford Mustang
11. Honda Pilot
12. Mazda3
13. Honda Odyssey
14. Ford Fusion
15. Ford Escape
16. Chevrolet Camaro
17. Volkswagen Jetta
18. Toyota Sienna
19. Chevrolet Malibu
20. Lexus RX350

Honda and Toyota frequently dominate the kbb.com most-researched lists, and while they still have a major turnout for the first-half of 2009 (securing 11 of the top 20 spots), this list demonstrates that a few newly redesigned models have captured the attention of consumers.



The Chevrolet Camaro made the greatest jump up in a list of most researched vehicles by U.S.-based Kelley Blue Book.

When compared year-over-year to the most-researched new-vehicles for the first half of 2008, four models are all-new to this year's top 20 list: Chevrolet Camaro, Ford Fusion, Volkswagen Jetta and Lexus RX350.

Chevrolet's buzzworthy Camaro made the most impressive jump onto this year's list, from number 427 in June 2008 to number 16 in June 2009. Primary drivers of increased Camaro research include hefty movie promotions with the Transformers films and significant advertising executed in the past year.

The Ford Fusion jumped 43 positions from number 57 in June 2008 to number 14 in June 2009 due to the introduction and promotion of Ford's 2010 Fusion and Fusion Hybrid models.

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What are your teens doing behind wheel?

Survey finds out if moms are snooping on kids

For teenagers, getting their driver's license is one of life's most exciting moments.

For a parent, it's one of the most distressing.

New technologies promise to alleviate parents' worries by keeping tabs on their teen drivers, but the use of these tools raises an ethical question: Do they cross the line between good parenting and invasion of privacy? MotherProof.com surveyed moms of U.S. teens to gauge how much snooping they're willing to do.

MotherProof.com's survey found that two-thirds of moms don't use technology to snoop on their teen drivers: 64 per cent of moms said they would not put a camera or GPS tracking device in their child's vehicle.

However, 53 per cent of moms admitted to investi-

Monitoring devices

Research suggests that monitoring devices reduce risky teen driving.

A 2009 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, In-Vehicle Monitoring and the Driving Behavior of Teenagers, followed 85 recently licensed teenagers with monitoring devices in their vehicles.

gating the contents of their teen's car, and 36 per cent said they regularly check the miles on their teen's car to see how much they're driving.

While most moms are very trusting, the survey indicates that younger moms are more likely to second-guess their teen's driving habits. Some interesting results among this group include:

- 59 per cent of moms ages

IIHS found that monitoring devices reduced risky driving among teens, especially when it came to seat belt use.

With the rate of fatal crashes four times as high for drivers ages 16-19 as it is for older drivers, any reduced risk these monitoring devices bring could make them very appealing to parents.

25-34 either would consider putting a camera or GPS system in their teen's car or have already done so, versus 43 per cent of moms ages 35-44 and 27 per cent of moms ages 45-54.

- 57 per cent of moms 25-34 have followed their child in traffic to see where they're going and investigate their driving habits, versus 29 per cent of moms 35-44 and 18 per



Parents' worries begin once they hand over the car keys to a newly licensed teen driver.

cent of moms 45-54.

- 70 per cent of moms 25-34 have investigated the contents of their teen's car, versus 52 per cent of

moms 35-44 and 50 per cent of moms 45-54.

- 65 per cent of moms 25-34 regularly check the miles on their teen's car to

see how much they're driving, versus 39 per cent of moms 35-44 and 27 per cent of moms 45-54.

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Travel



Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre

When Waterford Wedgwood PLC filed for bankruptcy protection at the start of this year, among the casualties was one of Ireland's top tourist attractions, namely watching the glassblowers at the Waterford factory. But while there are no factory tours this season, visitors can find a revamped experience at the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre — including a demonstration of cutting and engraving. For full details visit waterfordvisitorcentre.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Soaking up Cairo's chaotic energy

Egyptian capital has lots to offer once you've seen the big attractions

KLAAS BOOMSMA
Metro World News



Without question, a first-time visit to Cairo is all about taking in phenomenal sights from the Sphinx and the pyramids at Giza to the ancient Citadel and the National Museum, which is cluttered with a breathtaking collection of sarcophagi and statues of Ancient Egyptian gods.

But when you've checked these historical items off your to-do list, it's time for entertainment and relaxation: for a drink and a bite to eat.

Cairo is a huge city and the traffic is absolutely crazy, what with with four million cars on the road. Taking a taxi is the easiest way to get from one part of the Egyptian capital to the next. Even if you're an expert at haggling, you will be paying more for a cab than the Egyptians do, but it's still a lot cheaper than it is in most European cities.

Once you've accepted this fact you can sit back and enjoy the roller coaster ride that is a cab trip through the cradle of civilization, as the Cairenes like to call their city.

Start off in downtown Cairo to get a feel for the energy in this city, which truly never sleeps. See the shops, bargain for souvenirs and go have a drink in El Horreya Pub on Bab el Louk Square. For a quick snack you can get an inexpensive falafel sandwich.



Left, a vendor in a Cairo market. Right, patrons sit outside at one of the Egyptian capital's many bustling cafés.



After checking out the downtown area you might feel like heading somewhere with a more relaxed atmosphere. Take a cab to the green urban "island" of Zamalek, surrounded by the mighty river Nile. Here you'll find bars, restaurants, bookstores and loads of Egyptian students strolling along the boulevard along the Nile, chilling out with a cup of mint tea in one of the many coffee shops or starting a big night out. It's the perfect place to end a day in the great city of Cairo.

Where to stay:

Odeon Palace Hotel in downtown Cairo, Abdel Hamid Said 6. This three-

star hotel has an authentic Egyptian look and feel, lots of woodwork and a rooftop bar and restaurant open around the clock with stunning views over Cairo. Close to the National Museum, near a shopping centre. From about \$17 per night for a single room and \$19 per person for a double room.

Where to eat:

Restaurant Abou el Sid, 26th of July street 157, Zamalek. This beautifully-decorated restaurant offers delicious Egyptian cuisine with Turkish and Lebanese influences, served up by friendly waiters. A variety of dishes on your table costs about \$10. You may

have to wait 20 minutes to get a table, but it's worth it.

Where to drink:

For a cheap beer and great atmosphere, visit El Horreya Pub in downtown Cairo, on Bab el Louk Square. You can get half a litre of Stella for about \$1 and drink it in the company of Egyptians and foreigners of all walks of life, and lots of creative types. El Horreya is also known as Freedom Café.

Where to see live music:

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An object on display at Cairo's National Museum.

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Flights to Easter Island have resumed after Chile agreed to hold talks with residents who stormed the airport to protest an influx of tourists and immigrants to the remote Pacific island. Easter Island is known for its huge statues of heads and torsos called "moai." REUTERS

The hills are alive around Innsbruck

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CELIA PEDROSO
Metro World News



The Austrian alpine city of Innsbruck may not be the obvious choice for a budget holiday, but it's a very good starting point for a low-cost hiking trip.

The area offers breathtaking walks in some of the most beautiful mountains in Europe and reasonably-priced stays in the pretty villages surrounding the Tyrolean capital.

More serious hikers might opt to stay at the welcoming huts that can be found throughout the Alps, where you can sleep soundly and eat very well, generally at low prices.

The unstable weather in the Alps — there are frequent heavy showers even during summer — is not an



Left, a view of the Alps near Innsbruck from a mountain pasture.

obstacle for a nice day out in Innsbruck. The pedestrian-only historical centre, the Altstadt, has entire streets packed with shops as well as coffee shops, restaurants and bars with tables in the open air.

This former imperial city thrives on its strategic location, as well as its excellent winter sports infrastructure and summertime nature activities. Surrounded by mountains, it hosted the Winter Olympic Games in

1964 and 1976.

Cable cars take you from the city to several peaks with altitudes above 2,000 and 3,000 metres, so you can start your walk in the heart of the mountains. During the week Austrians

of all ages stroll rhythmically along the mountain paths, and on the weekend they're joined by local families. Inns located at key points make it easy to refuel and it's common to see groups of Tyrolean people in cheerful reunions around a table covered with beer glasses after a walk up the mountain.

Start your hike in the heart of the Tyrol on the 2,250-metre-high mountain of Patscherkofel, just south of Innsbruck. After a cable car ride up from the Alpine village of Igls, the walk starts at the Zirbenweg path.

Along the route you'll see rare flowers including the Alpenrose (similar to the azalea) and the Enzian, a symbol of the Alps. The paths are well delineated with the international mark, just like the Austrian flag: Two red stripes and a white one.

Once up there, with clear weather, there's a view

over a valley several kilometres wide, with Innsbruck down below as well as verdant slopes, rocky mountains and peaks where the snow never melts.

The award-winning Zirbenweg path is considered to be one of the best-kept and has some of the best panoramic views of the Tyrol.

Wooden signs throughout

the tracks appeal for good behaviour, reminding people to not throw garbage or shout; and to respect animals and the environment.

Every so often you'll also find small religious altars with ex-voto or crucifixes. There are also small waterfalls, ideal for walkers who need to refresh.

If there's no snow it is possible to reach the top of the Glungezer, at 2,677 metres, and have a meal there. Other options are the Tulfenalm hut or the hospitable Rinneralm, although it is more remote.

More details

• For more information on the area see innsbruck.info.

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At last, Cubans sample tourism luxury

Floating, cocktail drink in hand, in the pool of a five-star hotel in Cuba, Alexis basks in a holiday experience that for years was out of reach for him in his own homeland.

The pastel-colored hotel buildings, the well-ordered gardens, the turquoise waters and the perpetually smiling waiters — all just 140 kilometres east of his home in Havana. So near, and yet for many years, so far away.

Until last year, Cuba's communist government prevented its citizens from entering hotels reserved for hard currency-paying foreign tourists. It argued that tourism was a strategic revenue sector and that widening access would create inequalities in a socialist society, where most earn inconvertible Cuban pesos.

The tourist hotels, whose services, shops and restaurants are a world away from the hardships and shortages experienced by most Cubans, remained largely out of bounds for ordinary citizens. This prohibition angered most



A view of a resort on Cuba's Cayo Santa Maria.

Cubans, who considered it made them second-class citizens in their own homeland.

But when President Raul Castro took over from his ailing older brother Fidel Castro last year, one of his

first acts was to end the ban and open all facilities to Cubans. The change was widely popular even though most islanders still can not afford to stay at the tourist hotels.

"Let me tell you, this is

great," said Alexis, an employee of a state-run Havana hard currency store who declined to give his full name, as his girlfriend returned from the bar with more mojitos.

In the years immediately

"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say. Now, if you have the money, you can do it." Roberto Garcia

following the 1959 revolution, Cuban workers were allowed into the island's premier resorts, yet the need to earn much-needed hard currency led to the development again of a more exclusive foreign tourism sector, especially over the last 15 years.

But the global financial crisis has taken a big bite out of Cuba's international tourism, so the Cuban travel industry, seeking to boost occupation in half-empty hotels, has begun offering reduced-price package deals to Cubans.

At \$70 a night for an all-inclusive hotel in Varadero, Cuba's top beach resort, prices are well below what foreigners pay, but still out of reach for most Cubans struggling to make ends meet on state salaries that average less than \$20 a month.

According to Tourism

Minister Manuel Marrero, Cubans have accounted for 10 per cent of occupancy at Cuba's high-end hotels this summer.

The opening of a domestic market is giving more visibility to an emerging class of wealthier Cubans who have hard currency in their pockets and are eager to sport the coloured wristbands of the fancy all-inclusive hotels.

The new Cuban internal tourists are professionals, technicians working for foreign joint ventures and people receiving dollar remittances from relatives living abroad.

"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say," recalls Roberto Garcia, a 43-year-old engineer who arrived from Havana with his family of six. "Now, if you have the money, you can do it."

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Brad Pitt will be providing the voice for an animated feature in which he'll play a "superhero who wants out." Pitt says that movie will costar the voices of Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr., and trade reports identify the project as Oobermind. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

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Roth taps rage, anger

Plays murderous soldier in Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds*

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

As a terrified Nazi PoW kneels on the ground at gunpoint in front of a black, cavernous tunnel, a steady, rhythmic clanging sound of metal hitting brick begins filling the air. Suddenly a figure explodes outwards, a muscled brute wielding an aluminum baseball bat, swinging wildly for anything wearing a swastika.

The SS know him as "The Bear Jew." But we know him better as Eli Roth.

Roth is the outspoken writer/director behind such modern grindhouse hits as *Cabin Fever*, *Hostel* and its even bloodier sequel. But

it's here, in Quentin Tarantino's latest film *Inglourious Basterds*, where Roth gets to flex his acting chops. He plays Sgt. Donny Donowitz — a.k.a. The Bear Jew — an angry, brain-bashing member of the titular band of merry Jewish-American Nazi hunters.

"When Quentin asked me to do this, I knew I had to make The Bear believable," says Roth of his first prominent acting gig (though he did have a credited role in Tarantino's 2007 effort *Death Proof*). "I put on 40 pounds of muscle. I wanted you to look at this guy and see all this murderous rage and pain and anger."

Inglourious Basterds is a pulp fantasy, following the exploits of various characters and their attempts to murder as many followers of the Third Reich as possible, including the Fuehrer himself. It madly shifts gears between muted character drama, cartoonish, gory action blowout and stylized spaghetti western and audiences who pre-screened the rough cut of the film at Cannes were either left mystified or completely enraptured.

But as Roth explains, the polarized reaction is typical of Tarantino's work.

"Pulp Fiction took general audiences three viewings to get it," he says. "At first they said it was morally reprehensible. The second time, it had its moments. The third time they claimed it a masterpiece."

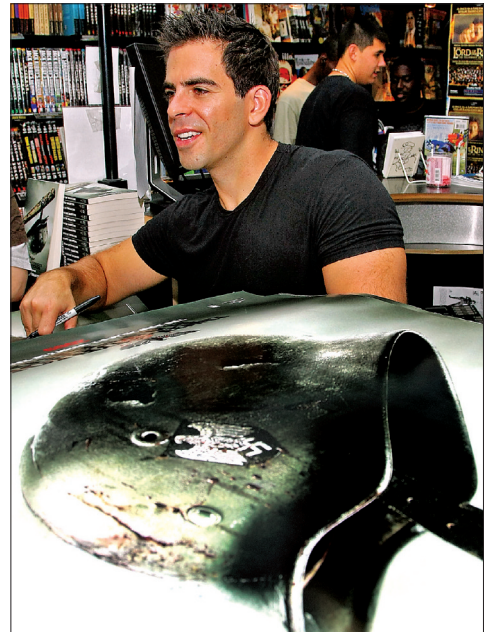
"With Kill Bill Part One, some mourned the lack of great dialogue and said there was too much action. With Kill Bill 2 the same people said there was too much dialogue and not enough action. But with *Basterds*, I really think Quentin has made a landmark film."

"There are at least three scenes in it that students will be reading in acting class and really, you can't sell it in a 30 second TV spot. It's an experience."



Dion pregnant

Celine Dion is pregnant with her second child, according to the *Journal de Montreal*. Dion, 41, and husband, Rene Angelil, 67, have been working with fertility doctors in New York. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Writer and director Eli Roth plays a character called "The Bear Jew" in Quentin Tarantino's new film *Inglourious Basterds*.

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critics' corner

'The New Adventures of Old Christine'

When exes Richard and Christine (Clark Gregg, Julia Louis-Dreyfus) help Lindsay and Marly (Alex Kapp Horner, Tricia O'Kelley) through labor, the memory of Ritchie's birth rekindles romantic feelings between them in "A Change of Heart/Pants." Hamish Linklater also stars. 8 P.M. ON ASN



Criminal Minds

The mind is a funny thing. One minute you're not using it, and the next it starts working on its own, leaving you to ponder either repressed memories or the theme from "The Love Boat." In this episode, while investigating the abduction of a boy in Las Vegas, Dr. Reid (Matthew Gray Gubler) starts to have dreams that might help reveal buried memories from his childhood. 9 P.M. ON ASN

Capturing Cooperman: A Not So Private Investigation of Howard Engel

You can't keep a good mind down. The creator of fictional crime drama character Benny Cooperman, Engel captured the public's imagination for over two decades. In 2001, he had a stroke that left him unable to read. Determined to keep Cooperman alive, Engel began the process of learning to read and write all over again. This documentary tells his story. 11 P.M. ON BRVO

Kidman's new Project

Nicole Kidman is to appear on Project Runway: All Star Challenge. The actress will make a guest appearance on a special episode of the US reality and set the contestants one of their sewing tasks. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



New Dawn for popstar Avril

Jamie Katzman, owner and president of the Boathouse chain of clothing stores, is pretty chuffed.

He's got the Canadian exclusive on Abbey Dawn, a colourful line of punk-inspired casualwear from multi-platinum award-winning singer/songwriter Avril Lavigne.

"It just sort of happened," he told Metro when the line debuted in his downtown-Toronto store earlier this week. "We were introduced through a friend of a friend. I was familiar with Avril's line, and heard that she knew and had shopped at Boathouse ... and a few months later, I'm standing with her in the store at the launch."

"I'm excited to have my clothes at Boathouse — it's a good match," said Lavigne, who was on hand to introduce Abbey Dawn (her childhood nickname) and meet with 50 fans who had won tickets to the launch via a Boathouse contest. She describes her line as "rock 'n' roll, playful and fun," a mix-and-match collection of her personal style. "You can throw on the skinny jeans with heels, a Chanel bag, mix it with Betsey Johnson — it's fun, fashion is fun," she said.

Youthful and bold in the singer's favourite colours — black, white, red, hot pink and purple — the clothes are exactly what one might expect of Lavigne: An exuberant mix of prep-school-gone-punk graphic tees, cropped vests, short plaid kilts, skinny jeans, edgy-cute

accessories, and hoodies, lots of hoodies. "I pretty much wear hoodies every day," she said. In fact, her day's ensemble of choice was her own Abbey Dawn "I Always Get What I Want" hoody and black leggings. "I don't want to

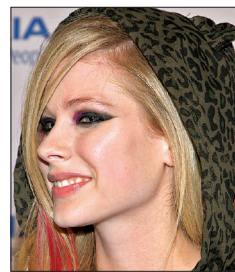
jinx it!" she exclaimed when asked whether she does actually always get what she wants.

"I like that she wears her own label," said Alyssa Chin, 20, who was at the event with her sister, Kamille, 23, a contest win-

ner. "A lot of celebrities design clothing but don't wear their stuff. It's good Avril does."

At the moment, Lavigne says she's working on dresses and other items she'll roll out later in the year. Abbey Dawn ranges

in price from \$14.99 for accessories to \$59.99 for a soft hooded blazer, and is currently available at 15 of Katzman's 37 Boathouse locations (boathouses-toronto.com). It'll be in the rest of the stores in November.



Avril Lavigne

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Jessica Simpson isn't trying to fill Paula Abdul's vacant judge's seat on American Idol. The New York Post reported Monday that the singer's father Joe is pushing producers to cast Simpson. But Simpson's rep said, "There is absolutely no truth to this." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Jessica's fill-in Idol gig a fib

Celebrity Buzz

Grey's star nude tape leaked online

ON THE DEFENCE A video showing Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane, his wife Rebecca Gayheart and another woman in apparently compromising positions is ancient history and had better not be used for commercial purposes, warns an attorney for the married couple, people.com reports.

In a statement released Monday, the actor's lawyer, Marty Singer, said the tape "is simply a pri-

vate, consensual moment involving a married couple, shot several years ago, which was never intended to be seen by the public."

The statement continued: "Although the participants are nude, the tape is not a 'sex tape.' It is a private tape made for only my clients' personal use, and nobody has the right

to exploit it. If anyone exploits the tape, they will be violating my clients' rights and will be exposed to significant liability."

The third woman in the video reportedly is Kari Ann Peniche, who in 2002 was crowned Miss Teen USA but was later stripped of the title after posing for Playboy.

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Jesus, love of Madonna's life

GOOD MATCH Madonna says Jesus Luz is "the love of her life," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer praised the 22-year-old Brazilian model in a speech at her 51st birthday party in Portofino, Italy, on Sunday before running across the room to

passionately kiss him.

As friends looked on, Madonna gushed: "He's the love of my life. He has been so strong around me. I can't thank him enough."

The next morning, the couple looked blissfully happy as they boarded a luxury

yacht with Madonna's children — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, eight, Mercy, four, and David, three.

As the children relaxed on the deck, the pop superstar and her lover frolicked in the ocean.

An onlooker said: "She and Jesus looked madly in love and it was great to see her looking so happy. They just looked like any normal family enjoying a holiday together."

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Kristen: Me, a style icon?

FASHIONISTA Kristen Stewart says she isn't important enough to get free designer clothes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Twilight actress wishes she could keep the gowns she wears to red-carpet events.

She said: "The really cool stuff — I never get to keep any of that ... I'm just not

important enough yet, I think."

Stewart — who has worn creations by Yigal Azrouel, Hervé Léger and Camilla and Marc — admits she finds it "bizarre" that her fans copy her outfits. "Those (clothes) are mine, which is bizarre to have people go out and buy."

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Tori declares end to family feud?

BURY THE HATCHET The feud between 90210 star Tori Spelling and her mother has been waged for months in the press, but Tori is ready to bury the hatchet once and for all.

The daughter of Aaron and Candy Spelling recently told OK! Magazine: "I definitely want to reconcile with my mother, but that's the wrong word. There's nothing that really happened that made us fight. It's just time, distance and media that have come between my mom and me."

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Dad apologizes to Lindsay?

EATING HIS WORDS Lindsay Lohan's dad Michael Lohan has said sorry to her, the New York Post reports. They were spotted together recently in the Hamptons, and he took back

his harsh words for her on-and-off girlfriend, Samantha Ronson. "I was misled by people who had their own agenda," he told a pal later. "I was wrong and I'm very sorry. I wish the best for them."

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Dancing host wants Paula's dressing room

QUICK, WHILE IT'S WARM Now that Paula Abdul has left American Idol, Dancing With the Stars host Samantha Harris wants her dressing room. (American Idol is filmed at the same studio as Dancing.)

"In past seasons when Dancing wasn't going on at the same time as Idol, I would have Paula's dressing room, and it's fabulous," Harris told a Phoenix radio station. "It's a really cute, big pink dressing room. I should start putting my name in for it now..."

Maybe I'll get the dressing room finally."

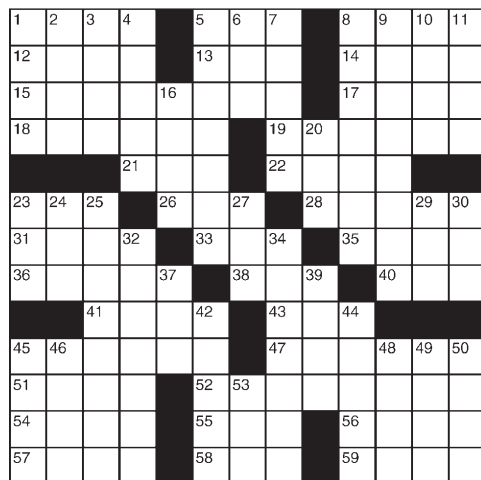
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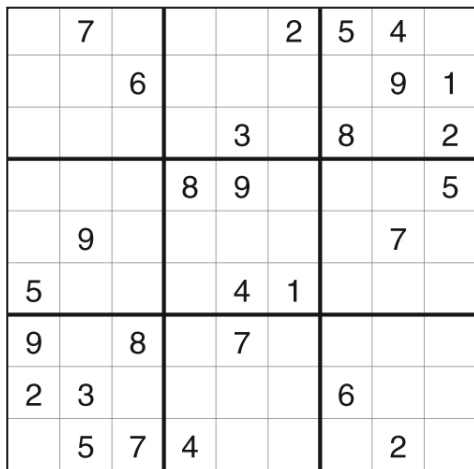
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- 23 With it
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- 29 Anger
- 30 Greek vowel
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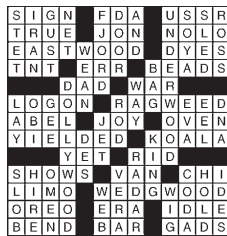
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Tarragon Flounder

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 flounder fillets (4 oz/113 g each)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken broth
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, melted
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh tarragon or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried tarragon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground mustard

METHOD:
1. Place fillets in a greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. (28 cm x 18 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Combine remaining

ingredients; pour over fish.

2. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove to a serving plate with a slotted spatula. Serve immediately.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You're no stranger to hard work and as from today you will begin to enjoy the rewards of your labours.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will experience one of those "Eureka" moments today. Out of nowhere you will see the pattern that you have somehow missed.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have been in the dark of late but as from today you will understand what has been going on and why you were kept out of the loop.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may have found it hard to explain why you believe certain apparently illogical things, but today you'll find your tongue.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may have found it difficult to confide in people in recent weeks but now the cosmic picture is beginning to change and you can get through.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
For various reasons, both personal and professional, you have held back from letting certain people know what you think of them.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Even if you are one of those Cancerians who knows how to charm, you may have found it hard to communicate your feelings in recent weeks.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You rarely leave anything to chance and with mind planet Mercury aspecting your ruler Saturn, you will know with absolute certainty.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You owe someone a favor and if you go out of your way to make good on it today, they may even end up owing you.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are having second thoughts about a deal you signed up to there is still time to back out of, but it's got to be now.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A Mercury-Saturn union in your sign means you can see things as they are rather than as you wish them to be.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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AUG. 19, 1692: Salem witch trials: In Salem, Massachusetts, Province of Massachusetts Bay five people, one woman and four men, including a clergyman, are executed after being convicted of witchcraft.

AUG. 19, 1934: The creation of the position Führer is approved by the German electorate with 89.9 per cent of the popular vote.

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